

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

EOFF ET AL.

Serial No.: **10/760,443**

Filed: **JANUARY 20, 2004**

Title: **"METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR
REDUCING THE PRODUCTION OF
WATER AND STIMULATING
HYDROCARBON PRODUCTION FROM A
SUBTERRANEAN FORMATION"**

§ Group Art Unit: **1796**
§ Confirmation No.: **9208**
§ Examiner: **FIGUEROA, JOHN J.**
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AND
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114

Dear Honorable Commissioner:

Applicants hereby request continued examination, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, for the above-identified application.

In response to the Final Office Action dated December 23, 2008 (the "Final Office Action"), the Advisory Action dated March 12, 2009 (the "Advisory Action"), and the Notice of Panel Decision from Pre-Appeal Brief Review dated May 27, 2009, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections set forth in the Final Office Action in light of the amendments and remarks below.

Applicants submit the following:

- **Amendments to the Claims**, which are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper; and
- **Remarks/Arguments**, which begin on page 11 of this paper.